

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RUSTY CALDWELL

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise before this body of Congress and this Nation to pay tribute to Rusty Caldwell for his admirable service to his country and dedication to his Colorado community. Rusty is a true American hero and patriot, and a beloved friend and colleague to many in his community. In his years spent in the armed forces, Rusty embodied the ideals of integrity and courage that we, as Americans, have come to expect from our military personnel. He has led an amazing life and I believe it is appropriate to recognize this exceptional man, and his many contributions to his community, state and country.

Rusty began his career of service after high school. In 1943, he went off to fight in World War II, and was assigned to the destroyer escort USS Weaver. His missions consisted of going ashore with Marine units and directing naval artillery on to the beaches. Throughout the war, Rusty went ashore nine times, and was hit by enemy fire twice, earning him two purple hearts. He saw action in most of the infamous engagements in the South Pacific including, Tarawa, Kwajalein, Eniwetok, Yap, Palau, Iwo Jima and Leyte Gulf.

After the war he came home and married Eva Dean, and earned a degree in vocational agricultural education from Oklahoma State. This tranquility didn't last long however, and in 1950 he was called for service once again, this time in the Korean War. This time Rusty was trained as a forerunner of today's special forces units and Navy Seals. His mission was to track down and capture enemy commanders. Rusty survived frostbite, mine explosions, rifle shots, and a knife wound while he was in Korea and earned him five more purple hearts.

After Korea, he spent 31 years as an agricultural teacher in Oklahoma and Iowa before moving to Parachute, Colorado in 1993. He is active in his community, singing in a community chorus, traveling, and participating in his Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Rusty Caldwell has a strong commitment to his country. His efforts to strengthen and secure his Nation and the world are truly remarkable. It is my privilege to recognize the accomplishments and service of Rusty before this body of Congress and this Nation. I sincerely thank him for his service and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO YEON HWAN PARK

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the educational and athletic achievements of Master Yeon Hwan Park.

Master Park is an 8th dan (degree) black belt, and coach of the USA Olympic National and Pan American Tae Kwon Do teams. He is the world's premier authority on Tae Kwon Do and his knowledge is without parallel in this martial arts discipline. Master Park has been featured in the New York Times, Newsday and has graced the covers of virtually every martial arts publication. Master Park is renowned for having translated his fighting ability into teaching ingenuity, something few successful competitors have been able to do. He brought his techniques and the austere conditions of his native Korean training halls to the African nation of Lesotho. He trained their secret service and special police agents for 2 years. He, also, trained and led their Tae Kwon Do team to the Seoul Olympics. The women's team took first place and the men's team finished second.

Master Park has established himself as a great teacher and an outstanding community leader. He has done much to bring Tae Kwon Do to national prominence. Presently, he is President of the NY State Tae Kwon Do Association. And, he has served the United States as an Olympic coach and as a coach at the Pan American Games. Though Mr. Park has been busy in the sport that he loves, he has not forgotten the welfare of the community. He promotes the fundraising programs for the March of Dimes, The American Cancer Society, the American Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and many other organizations. He has also served as the president of the Korea American Association of Long Island and is a current member of the Nassau County Youth Board.

Mr. Park graduated from Korea University with honors in history. He studied at the United States Olympic Academy XII at Penn State University. He has published many books including "Tae Kwon Do for Children" and "Tae Kwon Do DINOSAURS". He has been honored by Nassau County, the United States Olympic Committee, Korea University, and the World Tae Kwon Do Federation, and many others.

He and Sunwoo (also known as Connie) were married in 1982 and they have two sons, Edward and Elliot, and one daughter, Nina.

Mr. Speaker, Master Yeon Hwan Park's worldwide contributions to the sport of Tae Kwon Do and his New York community make him more than worthy of receiving our recognition today.

HONORING THE LINCOLN PARK ZOO

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 9, 2004

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my best wishes to everyone associated with Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo on the occasion of its Swing! 2004 Zoo Ball. I would especially like to commend the Women's Board of Lincoln Park Zoo for starting what has become the zoo's largest fundraiser.

The Zoo Ball is always one of the highlights of Chicago's social scene, and this year's event promises to be no exception. Transforming the Zoo into a 1940's supper club complete with big bands and classic cocktails, the 2004 Zoo Ball will be an event not to be missed.

Chicago is proud to be home to one of the finest and oldest zoos in the Nation, serving the community since 1868. With over 3 million visitors every year, the Lincoln Park Zoo is consistently one of the top cultural and entertainment attractions in the city. Located within the beautiful confines of Lincoln Park, the Zoo is not only an attraction within our community, it is also an integral part of our community. The Lincoln Park Zoo is truly a unique cultural institution because it remains free to all its visitors, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to learn about and appreciate the wonders of nature that exist in our world.

The Lincoln Park Zoo has earned a reputation as a world-class institution committed to conservation, science, and education. With state-of-the-art facilities such as the newly opened Regenstein Center for African Apes, the Zoo continues to provide the finest facilities for its inhabitants. With four times the size of the old building, the new building allows gorillas and chimpanzees to move freely from inside to outside facilities, and gives visitors an even fuller understanding of the lives of these immense creatures. The facility also serves as a research, training and education center that will enable conservationists and scientists from around the globe to study apes.

As with all great institutions, a lot of effort goes into maintaining excellence. The Lincoln Park Zoo is fortunate for the leadership provided by its president, Kevin Bell, and the dedication given by Jay Proops and other members of the Board of Directors. And I would like to particularly thank the Gala's Event Chairs, Josephine E. Heindel and Myra Reilly, and the President of the Women's Board of Lincoln Park Zoo, Debra Clamage.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to honor the hard work and dedication of the staff and friends of the Lincoln Park Zoo on the occasion of its Zoo Ball, and I thank everyone in attendance for ensuring that this jewel of Chicago continues to shine.

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